

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Much like our government's own system of checks and balances, the media needs to have different branches that can supplement and discipline each other, particularly in areas of quality and truthfulness in reporting. If the cross ownership ban is lifted, I fear that the news we receive may be presented a bias that could be misinforming to American citizens.